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## Garrard County Economic Development Office Welcomes Thomas W. Thornberry

## **EKU Graduate Student as Garrard County Economic Development Intern**

Lancaster, KY (August 28, 2012): Garrard County Economic Development Director Nathan Mick announces that Thomas W. Thornberry will serve as a volunteer intern in the Garrard County Economic Development Office through December 2012. Mr. Thornberry will intern a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Mr. Thornberry will be assisting with continued efforts to recruit businesses to Garrard County; updating and improving the GrowingGarrard.com website; marketing Garrard County events and updates through social media; conducting business research; volunteering for projects and events in partnership with the Garrard County Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations; and helping to represent the Garrard County Economic Development Office at meetings and events in Garrard County and throughout Central Kentucky. Mr. Thornberry said, "I'm looking forward to tapping into all the energy and enthusiasm circulating throughout this office and the entire Garrard County community."

Thornberry is expected to graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky this December with a Master's degree in public administration. He also serves as a contract behavioral specialist and psychological examiner. Thornberry is a native of Rush, Kentucky. He is married and lives in Lexington.

Garrard County Economic Development Director Nathan Mick said, "Garrard County is fortunate to have Thomas W. Thornberry serving as an intern for our community through December. His unique background will provide an interesting perspective to his economic development work for Garrard County this semester. Thomas is the seventh intern to serve in the Garrard County Economic Development Office since 2008. We work to provide interns with a unique learning experience and we always benefit and learn from them as well. The new energy and creative talents of people like Thomas will contribute to our efforts to continue to move Garrard County forward. We welcome Thomas and his volunteer efforts to Garrard County. I look forward to working with him in the coming months."

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